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- The Michigan governor declared an energy emergency in the State July 24 due to temporary shortages of gasoline and diesel fuel caused by the shutdown of a pipeline in Wisconsin. – *Reuters* (See item [6](#))
- Fire and emergency crews battled to contain a chemical fire in Oklahoma City that forced the evacuation of several commercial buildings and nearby homes. The fire also threatened a major water source. – *KWTV 9 Oklahoma City; CBS News* (See item [7](#))
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is collaborating with public health and agriculture officials in many States and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate a Salmonella outbreak linked to live poultry. As of July 19, 37 people in 11 States had been infected, and more than half a dozen had been hospitalized. – *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* (See item [31](#))
- The Federal Communications Commission and emergency responders in York County, Maine, were looking for the person who jammed radio communications July 22. Officials believe the jammer has been active since 2004. – *Portland Press Herald* (See item [36](#))

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Energy Sector

1. ***July 25, Associated Press – (Texas) System for stopping an oil spill is tested in Gulf.*** The first deep-sea test of a state-of-the-art containment system for stopping an oil spill akin to BP's catastrophic 2010 spill began July 24, regulators said. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) said the Houston-based Marine Well Containment Company (MWCC) was to move a capping stack system it has developed onto a ship and carry it out to where a test wellhead has been placed on the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico. The stack will be lowered by wires onto the test wellhead 7,000 feet below the surface of the Gulf. "Testing this equipment in real-time conditions and ultra-deep water depths will help ensure that the MWCC is ready and able to respond in a moment's notice should the need arise," said the BSEE director. BSEE staff — including inspectors, engineers, and spill response experts — planned to monitor the drill and see firsthand how it is conducted, regulators said.
Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245_162-57479581/system-for-stopping-an-oil-spill-is-tested-in-gulf/
2. ***July 25, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – (Pennsylvania) Talisman Energy to pay \$62,000 penalty for violations at 52 natural gas facilities in Pa.*** Talisman Energy USA Inc. will pay a \$62,457 penalty to settle alleged violations of hazardous chemical reporting requirements at 52 hydraulic fracturing facilities throughout Pennsylvania that include natural gas well sites and compressor stations, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced July 25. Talisman discovered the violations and self-disclosed them to the EPA. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) requires companies that store specified amounts of hazardous chemicals to submit material safety data and lists of chemicals on site with State and local emergency response agencies and local fire departments. The safety data describes health risks associated with the chemicals and safe handling instructions. In a consent agreement with EPA, the company agreed to pay the fine for failing to file required chemical information for 1 or more of the past 3 years at each of the facilities included in the settlement.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/81014716b819ace685257a460048628a?OpenDocument>
3. ***July 24, Evansville Courier & Press – (Illinois) Four injured in Southern Illinois oil field explosion.*** Four southern Illinois oilfield workers were injured, three of them seriously, in an explosion at a lease in southern White County, Illinois, July 24. The fire was extinguished in minutes. By the time the Norris City Fire Department arrived, the blaze was out the injured had been evacuated. The lease was operated by an individual for the Bankston Creek and Land Trust. Officials with the Illinois State fire marshal and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Oil and Gas Division were investigating.
Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2012/jul/24/multiple-injuries-reported-southern-illinois-oil-f/>

4. ***July 24, Contra Costa Times*** – (California) **Wrong valve cause of fire at AC Transit hydrogen station.** The use of an incorrect valve caused a fire in Emeryville, California, May 4, that caused neighborhood evacuations and closed AC Transit's \$10 million new hydrogen fueling station for buses, federal investigators concluded. In an apparent mistake, a pressure relief valve at the hydrogen fuel plant was made with a type of hard steel known to crack and fail when exposed to hydrogen, Sandia National Laboratories investigators said in a report released the week of July 23. "Proper material selection would have prevented this incident," Sandia experts said. "The valve manufacturer already offers the same valve component using an appropriate material, therefore the correct selection (was) available." It was unclear why the wrong valve was installed, officials said. The fire spurred street closures and evacuation of two schools and several businesses, including Pixar Studios. Meanwhile, AC Transit has temporarily suspended use of its 12 hydrogen cell fuel buses because it has no place to refuel them.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_21149277/wrong-valve-cause-fire-at-ac-transit-hydrogen
5. ***July 24, Chicago Sun-Times Media Wire*** – (Illinois) **79,000 still without power after storms; some outages may linger until Friday.** About 79,000 Chicago-area people remained without power July 24 after strong thunderstorms hit before the morning rush, and some will have to wait until July 27 to get the lights back on. A statement from Commonwealth Edison said the utility expects to have power restored "to the majority of affected customers by July 26, with heavily damaged isolated areas lingering into July 27." A ComEd spokesman said more than 310,000 customers were without power at the height of the storm, with the Aurora and Rockford areas hardest hit. About 237,000 of those had power restored, he said. About 430 ComEd and contracted crews were working to restore power. The storm also affected air and train travel in the area.
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/13964435-418/story.html>
6. ***July 24, Reuters*** – (Michigan) **Michigan governor declares emergency over fuel shortage.** The Michigan governor declared an energy emergency in the State July 24 due to temporary shortages of gasoline and diesel fuel in parts of the Upper Peninsula caused by the shutdown of a pipeline in Wisconsin. The emergency declaration suspends State and federal regulations that limit hours of service for motor carriers and drivers transporting gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel to address the shortages, the governor said in a statement. The West Shore pipeline that carries 70,000 barrels-per-day of refined products from Chicago to Green Bay in northern Wisconsin was shut for several days after a gasoline leak was found July 17. The pipeline was restarted July 21. The pipeline, which is operated by Buckeye Partners LP, carries gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel. The closed section of the line started about 10 miles northwest of Milwaukee. The leak spilled about 1,000 barrels of unleaded gasoline, according to a report the company filed with the National Response Center.
Source: <http://wkzo.com/news/articles/2012/jul/25/michigan-governor-declares-emergency-over-fuel-shortage/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. ***July 25, KWTV 9 Oklahoma City; CBS News*** – (Oklahoma) **Chemical fire forces home, business evacuations.** Fire crews and emergency crews battled to contain a chemical fire in Oklahoma City that sent toxic smoke billowing into the air and forced the evacuation of several commercial buildings and nearby homes, July 25. Smoke from the Bachman Services plant and nearby Horizon Hydraulics forced employees out of their buildings. Workers said they heard several explosions and believe a forklift caught on fire, which ignited several hundred chemical barrels filled with triazine, a toxic flammable liquid. Scores of firefighters worked to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings. “The building is pretty much demolished,” said the Oklahoma City Fire Department chief. Several Oklahoma City firefighters had to be decontaminated after exposure to the toxic fumes, and people living downwind were told to evacuate. Public works and environmental officials tried to keep the toxic chemicals from getting into ground water because storm water drains in the area lead straight to the Oklahoma River.
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/19109739/chemical-fire-forces-home-business-evacuations>
8. ***July 24, Beaumont Enterprise*** – (Texas) **Leaking tank cars keep Sour Lake residents inside.** The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) said material that spilled from derailed train cars near Sour Lake, Texas, July 24, was a minimal hazard to the public and the environment. DPS initially called for residents to shelter in place after the eight cars of a train derailed and started spilling sodium carbonate. A Union Pacific crew spent about 12 hours cleaning up the spill.
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Leaking-tank-cars-keep-Sour-Lake-residents-inside-3731783.php>
9. ***July 24, Easton Express-Times*** – (Pennsylvania) **Hellertown mercury recycling company fined \$100,000 for alleged reporting violations.** A Hellertown, Pennsylvania mercury recycling company was fined \$103,433 for alleged violations of the reporting and record-keeping requirements under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced July 24. The EPA issued the fine against Bethlehem Apparatus Company, a firm that has been in the mercury recycling business for more than 50 years. The TSCA requires the collection of information about existing chemicals on the market by mandating periodic reports about the production and use of chemicals. The EPA said the firm corrected its three violations of the act’s notification requirements and paid the fine.
Source:
http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/bethlehem/index.ssf/2012/07/hellertown_mercury_recycling_c.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. ***July 25, Chattanooga Times Free Press*** – (Alabama; Tennessee) **TVA considering fuel made from nuclear weapons to power local plants.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) released a set of talking points about its part in preparing an environmental impact statement on the use of mixed oxide (MOX) fuel made from surplus nuclear weapons to power the Sequoyah and Browns Ferry nuclear plants, the Chattanooga Times Free Press reported July 25. The plants in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee, and Athens, Alabama, would be the first to use the specific blend of MOX fuel. “TVA is willing to consider using mixed oxide fuel if it meets three criteria: It is operationally and environmentally safe; economically beneficial to TVA customers; and licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,” a TVA spokesman said. He said the timetable for implementation is 2018.

Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2012/jul/25/chattanooga-tva-consider-use-of-controversial-fuel/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. ***July 24, U.S. Department of Labor*** – (Alabama) **Pyongsan America cited by U.S. Labor Department's OSHA for repeat and serious workplace safety hazards at Auburn, Ala., facility.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration July 24 cited Pyongsan America Inc. with six safety violations at its Auburn, Alabama manufacturing facility. Proposed penalties for the automotive parts manufacturer totaled \$43,560. Two repeat violations involved failing to secure compressed gas cylinders and guard the points of operation on the crimper and bending machines. Four serious violations involved failing to conduct periodic inspections of the energy control procedures, provide training for employees on the lockout/tagout of energy sources, secure racks that are used for storing materials, and repair electrical deficiencies.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22743

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. ***July 25, Arlington Heights Daily Herald*** – (Illinois) **Seven face federal fraud charges in mortgage ‘scheme’.** Seven men faced federal fraud charges stemming from what prosecutors called a “scheme” to bilk mortgage lenders out of more than \$8.5 million for properties in Chicago’s South Side, the Arlington Heights Daily Herald reported July 25. The individuals were charged with mail and wire fraud in the scheme. Prosecutors said the men worked together to “fraudulently obtain” more than 20 residential mortgage loans between 2007 and 2008. Court papers charged that two of the individuals sold the properties at inflated prices, knowing the buyers had fraudulently obtained the loans and would not be able to repay them, and that the other men recruited buyers or helped falsify loan applications.
Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20120724/news/707249713/>

13. ***July 25, Arlington Heights Daily Herald*** – (Illinois) **FBI: Suspects rob 4th area bank since late May.** A man and his two accomplices wanted in connection with the robbery of an Elmhurst, Illinois bank inside a grocery store are also suspected in three other area holdups, according to the FBI. The suspect in a July 23 robbery of the TCF Bank branch inside a Jewel-Osco passed a note to a teller demanding cash, while accompanied by two other men, officials said. The main suspect implied he had a weapon but did not display one. The other men did not approach the teller counter, but left with the robber on foot after he was handed some money. The same suspects are wanted in robberies of separate TCF Bank branches inside Jewel-Oscos. The robberies took place May 26 in Elmhurst, June 6 in Bartlett, and June 12 in Elgin. The suspects also attempted to rob a TCF branch inside a Jewel-Osco in Hoffman Estates June 6, but were unsuccessful, according to authorities.
Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20120725/news/707249698/>

14. ***July 25, BankInfoSecurity*** – (National) **Micro attacks: The new fraud scheme.** A small point-of-sale (POS) attack in Kentucky points to a larger fraud trend impacting banking institutions and their customers, BankInfoSecurity reported July 25. “Micro attacks” is the term a Gartner analyst used to describe this new scheme characterized by localized fraud incidents that are relatively small in nature, eluding detection and giving the fraudsters more time to drain accounts. In the latest example, a Winchester, Kentucky-based restaurant was named as the source of a POS attack that affected scores of credit and debit accounts and more than a dozen local banks. Other institutions in different locations report similar stories: small attacks that affect a handful of card-issuing institutions, which often fail to have fraud-detection systems sophisticated enough to connect the dots to a single point of compromise. The attacks are usually waged against a certain type of POS device or system model, which hackers hit through remote-access portals. This is easy, according to the Gartner analyst, because many businesses — especially restaurants — fail to change the default passwords installed by the original equipment manufacturer, and so fraudsters find no resistance.
Source: <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/micro-attacks-new-fraud-scheme-a-4980/op-1>

15. *July 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Mexico fines HSBC \$28 million in laundering case.** Mexican regulators said they have fined HSBC \$28 million for failing to prevent money laundering through accounts at the bank, the Associated Press reported July 25. Mexico's National Securities and Banking Commission said the Mexico subsidiary of the London-based bank has paid the fines. The commission and a report by a U.S. Senate investigative committee found the bank failed to control suspicious flows of billions of dollars through its accounts. Officials said HSBC became the main shipper of bank cash transfers from Mexico to the United States in the 2000s, and in 2007 and 2008 sent north about \$7 billion in cash.
Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501715_162-57479720/mexico-fines-hsbc-\\$28-million-in-laundering-case/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-501715_162-57479720/mexico-fines-hsbc-$28-million-in-laundering-case/)

16. *July 24, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **'Plain Jane' bandit hits another bank.** A woman dubbed the "Plain Jane" bandit robbed another southern California bank making it her fifth heist in less than 2 weeks, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin reported July 25. The woman is linked to two July 23 bank robberies in Moreno Valley, and then a third robbery July 24 in Buena Park. During the robberies, she uses written and verbal demands and makes it sound as if she possibly has an accomplice waiting for her outside the bank. She is being sought in connection to four U.S. Bank heists, and one at a Chase Bank.
Source: http://www.dailybulletin.com/breakingnews/ci_21150540/plain-jane-bandit-hits-another-bank

17. *July 24, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Police make arrest in Bank of America stabbing.** A man police believe stabbed a Seattle bank's security guard in the stomach July 24 was arrested later the same day. The stabbing occurred at a Bank of America branch after a man walked in and expressed interest in opening a new account. When he was told he would have to fill out paperwork, he told the teller he would return later. While walking out, the man stabbed the guard on duty twice in the abdomen "for no apparent reason," police said. The guard was rushed to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The suspect fled on foot and was later arrested.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Search-on-for-attacker-after-bank-security-guard-stabbed-163575706.html>

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Transportation Sector

18. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **1 Ohio bridge bomb plot suspect pleads guilty.** One of five men charged with plotting to bomb an Ohio highway bridge pleaded guilty July 25 and agreed to testify against his co-defendants. The Cleveland man, who has a criminal record for theft and breaking and entering, pleaded to all three counts against him in federal court. His attorney said the defendant hopes to get leniency in return for his testimony. With the plea and offer of testimony for the prosecution, he could face 15 years to nearly 20 years in prison.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/1-bridge-bomb-plot-suspect-in-Ohio-pleads-guilty-3734201.php>

19. *July 24, Associated Press* – (California) **Big rig flips, shutting down I-15 in Calif. desert.** The California Highway Patrol reported a big rig overturned on the Interstate 15 in Devore, spilling its load of 24,000 pounds of asphalt across the northbound side of the freeway. An officer said the accident occurred July 24, just north of the 215 interchange in the Mojave Desert. Northbound lanes of the freeway were closed between the Glen Helen and Devore exits, 55 miles east of Los Angeles. The I-15 is a heavily traveled route linking Los Angeles and Las Vegas.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_21148188/big-rig-flips-shutting-down-i-15-calif

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *July 25, KAIT 8 Jonesboro* – (Missouri) **Bomb squad called after suspicious package found at post office.** A suspicious package was discovered and destroyed at a post office in Naylor, Missouri, July 24. According to the Ripley County sheriff, the postmaster discovered a small box with wires sticking out of it on the lobby counter. Deputies responded and evacuated a 300-yard perimeter. The sheriff called in the Southeast Missouri Regional Bomb Squad, which used a remote-controlled robot to enter the post office and examine the package. As the package was being removed to be X-rayed, the owner of the package arrived. “He just came up to us and said the package wasn’t dangerous,” the sheriff said. “It was a dog-shocking collar charger.” Apparently the package was accidentally left out of a larger package that was being mailed. After a few questions, the package was returned to the owner.
Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/19099881/suspicious-package-found-at-naylor-post-office>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Northern Virginia localities added to quarantine aimed at stopping walnut-killing beetle.** Virginia agriculture officials widened a quarantine area intended to slow the spread of a disease that attacks walnut trees, the Associated Press reported July 25. The Thousand Cankers Disease quarantine now includes the counties of Fairfax and Prince William and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park. These are in addition to the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, and Henrico, and the cities of Colonial Heights and Richmond. They were already quarantined. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said the quarantine prevents walnut plants, lumber, stumps, firewood, and mulch from being moved out of those cities and counties. The disease is spread by the invasive walnut twig beetle, which introduces a fungus into the tree that

eventually kills it. There is no treatment for the disease.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/northern-virginia-localities-added-to-quarantine-aimed-at-stopping-walnut-killing-beetle/2012/07/25/gJQAYyHR8W_story.html

22. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **La. seafood company cited in OSHA safety probe.** Federal regulators proposed more than \$34,000 in fines for a Breaux Bridge, Louisiana seafood company accused of exposing workers to fire, electrical, and chemicals hazards. The Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) also announced July 24 that it is seeking nearly \$214,000 in back wages and penalties from C.J.'s Seafood. An investigation by OSHA's Baton Rouge office resulted in citations for a dozen alleged safety violations at the company's facility, where employees peel and boil seafood. OSHA said the building was not equipped with fire extinguishers, exit signs, or emergency eyewash stations. The company also allegedly failed to pay minimum wage and overtime compensation to 73 workers.

Source:

<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120725/APN/1207250622>

23. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Copper thieves hitting Alabama farms.** Copper thefts are becoming a growing problem for Alabama farmers, the Associated Press reported July 25. A southeast Alabama farmer said someone stole the copper wiring from his irrigation system the week of July 9. The copper wire was worth \$50, but the damages to the irrigation system totaled \$10,000. A Coffee County farmer suffered a similar loss in June. He said knocking out a farmer's irrigation system in the summer could have a critical impact on his crops. Copper thefts from farms have become such a problem that Alfa Insurance is offering a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to a conviction of anyone involved with copper or metal theft from irrigation equipment, chicken houses, or other equipment covered by an Alfa policy.

Source: <http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20120725/APN/1207250640>

24. *July 25, United Press International* – (National; California) **Calif. food distributor faces recall.** Authorities said the San Francisco Herb and Natural Food Company was ordered shut down due to a rodent infestation in its warehouse, United Press International reported July 25. Earlier in July, an embargo was placed on the 40-year-old company, which distributes natural food, teas, and herbs nationally and online from its facility in Fremont, California. A recall of its products began after "We found a massive rodent infestation throughout the facility, including direct product infestation," the chief of the food safety section of the California Department of Public Health said. State officials said the company was cooperating with the investigation and would announce a voluntary recall within 2 days.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2012/07/25/Calif-food-distributor-faces-recall/UPI-95471343236360/

25. *July 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Mount Franklin Foods, LLC issues allergy alert and voluntary recall for undeclared milk in Sunrise Indian Corn Candy.** Mount Franklin Foods, LLC voluntarily recalled one lot of

Sunrise Indian Corn because the candy contains undeclared milk and sulfites, which are known allergens, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported July 24. The products were distributed in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Florida, only through Albertson's LLC retail stores between July 3-5. The recall was initiated after it was discovered the chocolate flavor used in the affected lot contained nonfat dry milk and sulfites, which was not declared on the label.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm313248.htm>

26. ***July 24, U.S. Department of Labor*** – (Illinois) **U.S. Labor Department's OSHA cites Bridgford Food Processing after 2 workers injured, including an amputation incident, at Chicago meat processing facility.** According to a July 24 release, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Bridgford Food Processing Corp. with four safety — including willful and repeat — violations at the company's Chicago meat processing facility after a worker suffered amputations of two fingers while operating a vacuum packaging machine. A second worker was injured operating the same machine January 25. Proposed fines totaled \$184,000. OSHA found that workers used magnets and other tools to override guarding interlock systems on machines. One willful violation stemmed from not affixing lockout/tagout devices to all energy sources and preventing workers from coming into contact with machines' points of operation. OSHA deemed this violation willful because despite the company's history of injuries caused by lockout failures, little was done to prevent similar incidents. Two repeat violations involved failing to develop and train employees in machine-specific lockout/tagout procedures. A serious violation was also cited for improperly guarding machines.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22740

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Water Sector

27. ***July 25, Associated Press*** – (Iowa) **Des Moines to implement water limit.** For the first time in 35 years, Des Moines, Iowa, began implementing water conservation measures July 24 after it pumped a record amount of water — 95.6 million gallons — the day before. The Des Moines Water Works CEO said July 23's water use surpassed the previous record of 92 million gallons in June 2006. The city implemented Stage 1 of a 4-tier water conservation plan. It was voluntary, but asked for a 10 percent reduction in use. Des Moines Water Works draws about 70 percent of its water from the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers and about 30 percent from shallow underground sources. The Des Moines system, which serves about 500,000 customers, also pumps water to about a half-dozen suburbs which often do not heed calls for conservation because residents do not realize their water comes from Des Moines, officials said.

Source: http://www.thonline.com/news/iowa-illinois-wisconsin/article_0c40625c-3eff-58a1-85fe-6a429cc25999.html

28. ***July 24, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) State steps in to remove cancer-causing chemical from Sauk Village water.** Illinois was working to remove the cancer-causing chemical vinyl chloride from drinking water in Sauk Village, the Chicago Tribune reported July 24. By the week of July 30, two portable air strippers — which shoot air through the water to remove the toxic chemical — were expected to start reducing the chemicals level in the suburb's well water system, State officials said. Meanwhile, village officials were continuing to provide free bottled water to residents. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) warned residents the week of July 16 that vinyl chloride levels in their drinking water had reached levels high enough to require the town take action and alert users while the federal EPA said there was no safe level of exposure to it. The State was paying for the \$125,000 equipment but Sauk Village may be forced to repay the money. The Illinois attorney general has sued Sauk Village to force a cleanup of the water since 2010. Officials said the air strippers were expected to be online for 1 year, and that the village is charged with finding a more permanent solution.
Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-07-24/news/chi-state-moves-in-to-20120724_1_sauk-village-water-vinyl-chloride-water-system

29. ***July 24, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) Whiskey Branch Creek sees 51,000 gallons of sewer flow over its banks.** Four sewer overflows — from three manholes and a lift station — were reported July 24 by the Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS), health officials said. The July 23 overflows were caused by a broken air release valve at the Kerr-McGee Lift Station, according to a spokeswoman with the Mobile County Health Department. The overflows resulted in about 51,000 gallons of wastewater overflowing into Whiskey Branch Creek. The response by MAWSS crews contained about 13,000 gallons of the wastewater, preventing it from reaching a body of water. Officials with the Mobile County Health Department urged residents to take precautions when coming into contact with any standing water that may have accumulated as a result of the overflows. All seafood harvested in the affected area should be thoroughly cooked before consumption.
Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2012/07/51000_gallons_of_sewer_overflo.html

30. ***July 24, Macomb County Advisor & Source* – (Michigan) Toxic chemicals found next to Shelby Township plant.** Toxic chemicals, trichloroethylene and trichloroethane, were found in groundwater that migrated from the former Visteon plant in Shelby Township in Michigan and could cost \$57 million to clean up, the Macomb County Advisor & Source reported July 24. The chemicals contaminated about 78 million gallons of water in two areas on vacant land east of the plant owned by Grand Sakwa, a development company. The findings were based on samples from the parcel taken this spring, said a prominent expert in chemicals' impact on the environment. He was hired by Grand Sakwa and the township. The chemicals' presence was revealed July 23 as part of a legal dispute involving several companies over the demolition of the plant. A Macomb County judge ruled July 23 that Ford, the former land owner, would allow testing to be done on its parcel and allow the results to be revealed to the township. Officials have known for years that soil on the Visteon property was contaminated, however, this was the first time contaminants were found off the site and the first time that degreasers were found to have been on the site. Indiana Metal bought the land with

intent to demolish and redevelop it. Township officials became concerned about the firm's performance and filed a civil action August 2011. Indiana Metal was supposed to post a \$2.5 million bond to complete the project but has only posted \$360,000.

Source:

<http://www.sourcenewspapers.com/articles/2012/07/24/news/doc500ecee29e2d2663334119.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *July 23, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* – (National; Idaho) **Multistate outbreak of human Salmonella Hadar infections linked to live poultry.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is collaborating with public health and agriculture officials in many States and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate an outbreak of human Salmonella Hadar infections linked to chicks, ducklings, and other live poultry from Hatchery B in Idaho, a July 23 notice states. Public health investigators are using the PulseNet system to identify cases of illness that may be part of these outbreaks. As of July 19, 37 people infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella Hadar have been reported from 11 States: Arizona (2), California (1), Colorado (3), Idaho (5), Illinois (2), Oregon (5), Tennessee (2), Texas (1), Utah (5), Washington (9), and Wyoming (2). Illnesses began between March 19 and July 6. Among 26 ill persons with available information, 8 have been hospitalized. Twenty-four of 27 ill persons interviewed reported contact with live poultry before becoming ill. Live poultry were purchased from agricultural feed stores or direct from the mail-order hatchery.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/hadar-live-poultry-07-12/index.html>

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32. *July 24, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **False threat empties county courthouse.** Investigators were trying to identify a caller who prompted the evacuation of the Franklin County, Ohio Common Pleas Courthouse July 23 by falsely reporting a man in a wheelchair was taking a bomb to court. The woman could be charged with inducing panic, the sheriff said. A man who matched the description provided by the caller was spotted by deputies on Fulton Street east of the courthouse complex nearly an hour after the call was received, he said. No explosives or weapons were found on the man or in his nearby parked car. Although the caller said the man was heading to a hearing in domestic relations court, security officers swept all courthouse buildings. They found an unattended package in the common pleas courthouse, said the director of public facilities management for the county. The seven-story building was evacuated for nearly an hour while deputies with bomb-sniffing dogs checked the package, which turned out to be harmless. Other buildings in the complex, including the municipal

court and the county administration building, were not evacuated, but no one was allowed to enter until security officers completed a sweep of the complex, the facilities director said.

Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/07/24/false-threat-empties-building.html>

33. *July 24, Corvallis Gazette-Times* – (Oregon) **OSU notifying individuals of data**

security breach. Oregon State Police were investigating a security breach by a vendor who, while under contract to Oregon State University (OSU), copied information from a check register data base without permission, the Corvallis Gazette-Times reported July 24. The action could have compromised the private information of 21,000 students and employees who were associated with OSU between 1996 and 2009. According to OSU's chief information security officer, the vendor who provided immediate check printing services in the cashier's office copied information on three separate occasions during software upgrades. He said the software was "custom-built" specifically for OSU. It was used to generate emergency student aid checks or emergency payroll draws. The 30,000 to 40,000 checks contained data such as names, OSU ID, date, check number, and the amount of the check. Records after 2004 did not include Social Security numbers.

Source: http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/education/osu-notifying-individuals-of-data-security-breach/article_ed46267e-d5c8-11e1-a620-001a4bcf887a.html

34. *July 24, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Fla. woman charged with hoax anthrax**

letters. A Florida woman was facing nine counts of mailing hoax anthrax letters to the offices of two U.S. Senators from Florida. Federal prosecutors said she was arrested July 24 in the Hamilton County town of Jasper. A grand jury indictment accuses her of mailing threatening letters containing a non-hazardous white powdery substance in June 2011 to the two Senators' offices. She is also charged with sending similar letters to government facilities in Hamilton County, the Florida Department of Children and Family Services, and to three private citizens. If convicted, she could face up to 45 years in prison.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i0n8sz_R1Ba13tYiVimFjZU7wGcA?docId=79d49a5715714f7b8d201bff55d18768

35. *July 24, KDFW 4 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Suspicious package prompts AAFES**

evacuation. A suspicious package mailed to the Army and Air Force Exchange (AAFES) in Dallas July 24 prompted a partial evacuation at the sprawling complex. Dallas Fire-Rescue responded to the AAFES after an exchange worker reported receiving a suspicious package at the facility, officials said. Five of 850 employees were evacuated as a HAZMAT crew investigated. HAZMAT and a bomb squad would analyze the contents and determine appropriate action, officials said. Postal inspectors were also notified.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/19100141/suspicious-package-prompts-aafes-evacuation>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *July 25, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Locating emergency radio jammer in York County ‘not easy’**. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will have trouble finding the person responsible for recent emergency radio jamming in York County, Maine, without monitoring constantly, an agency spokesman said July 24. Local authorities believed a rogue radio jammer plagued the town of Lebanon and a few other surrounding communities off and on since 2004. The perpetrator fell silent earlier this year, but the jammer resurfaced July 22, following initial reports of a multi-vehicle crash with numerous injuries. Rescue workers and police who scrambled to the scene to assess the accident found their scanners’ radio signal blocked. When officials realized the signal was being interfered with, a dispatcher sent a message over the airwaves that the FCC was monitoring. The jamming stopped immediately.
Source: http://www.pressherald.com/news/locating-radio-jammer-not-easy_2012-07-25.html

37. *July 23, KCBS 740 AM San Francisco; Bay City News Service* – (California) **Fremont Police 7th Bay Area Department to get suspicious envelope**. A suspicious envelope containing a white substance was delivered to the Fremont, California Police Department July 23, a police spokeswoman said. Fremont police received the envelope by mail, and the employee who received it immediately notified her supervisor, an officer said. The envelope had no return address, she stated. Similar incidents were reported the week of July 16 by police departments in Hayward, Union City, Berkeley, San Leandro, Oakland, and San Francisco. The officer said Fremont police were already on alert and were keeping an eye out for such a delivery since July 20. The envelope was taken outside and caused no major disruption to the department, she said. The FBI has taken possession of the mail to analyze it. Tests up to this point have been negative for anything hazardous, an FBI spokeswoman said.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/07/23/fremont-police-7th-bay-area-department-to-get-suspicious-envelope/>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *July 25, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Researchers uncover new Mac malware attack**. Researchers are warning users following the discovery of a new malware attack targeting OS X systems. Security firm Intego said the OS X/Crisis malware looks to infect systems running MacOS X Lion and Snow Leopard systems. Researchers did not say whether the malware is able to infect Apple’s Mountain Lion release. According to Intego, the Crisis malware is able to install itself without any user interaction or notification and installs files locally, allowing the downloader to continue operating after a system restart. While the origin of the Crisis downloader was not revealed, researchers noted the malware has not yet been spotted performing attacks in the wild.

The exact nature of how the malware functions is not yet known.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2194005/researchers-uncover-new-mac-malware-attack>

39. *July 25, H Security* – (International) **Microsoft warns of Oracle holes in Exchange and SharePoint.** Microsoft warned its Exchange and SharePoint server products may be affected by security holes Oracle patched in its most recent Critical Patch Updates the week of July 16. Apparently, the Microsoft components use the Oracle Outside In libraries, which, Oracle said, contain security holes. According to Microsoft Security Advisory 2737111, the issue affects Exchange Server 2007 and 2010 as well as FAST Search Server 2010 for SharePoint. SharePoint is only vulnerable if the Advanced Filter Pack is activated, said Microsoft. As a workaround, the company recommends users disable this feature in Sharepoint for the time being. Exchange administrators were advised to disable the attachment transcoding service. However, this may cause the OWA Web frontend's file attachment preview to malfunction. Microsoft did not say whether or when it will release suitable patches to eliminate the root of the problem.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Microsoft-warns-of-Oracle-holes-in-Exchange-and-SharePoint-1652458.html>
40. *July 25, Dark Reading* – (International) **Impersonating Microsoft Exchange servers to manipulate mobile devices.** At the Black Hat security conference July 26, an Australian researcher will demonstrate a proof-of-concept attack using a man-in-the-middle connection and Microsoft Exchange to conduct unauthorized remote wipes on mobile devices. According to the research presented at Black Hat, this is the beginning to further explorations of what man-in-the-middle attacks leveraging Microsoft Exchange against poorly configured mobile devices are really capable of doing.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability-management/167901026/security/news/240004323/>
41. *July 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **Java flaws increasingly targeted by attackers, researchers say.** Java vulnerabilities are increasingly exploited by attackers to infect computers, and the problem could become worse if Oracle does not do more to secure the product and keep its installation base up to date, according to security researchers who will talk about Java-based attacks at the Black Hat USA 2012 security conference. Several years ago, the most targeted browser plug-ins were Flash Player and Adobe Reader. However, many current Web exploit toolkits rely heavily on Java exploits, said a security researcher with HP DVLabs, Hewlett-Packard's vulnerability research division.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9229641/Java_flaws_increasingly_targeted_by_attackers_researchers_say
42. *July 25, The Register* – (International) **Siemens squashes Stuxnet-like bugs in SCADA kit.** Siemens closed vulnerabilities in its industrial control kit similar to those exploited by the Stuxnet worm. Security bugs on the German manufacturer's Simatic Step 7 and Simatic PCS 7 supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) software

created a means to load malicious dynamic-link library (DLL) files. Siemens said previous versions of its Step 7 and PCS 7 software allowed the loading of DLL files into the Step 7 project folder without validation, giving the malware free rein to attack the SCADA systems. The firm fixed the flaw by introducing a mechanism that rejected the loading of DLL files into the folder — effectively blocking the path to possible infection, a July 23 advisory by the Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ISC-CERT) explains. A second update, also released July 23, involves a SQL server authentication security flaws in Siemen's Simatic WinCC and Simatic PCS 7 software. Left unfixed, the vulnerability created a means for hackers to access targeted systems using default credentials. Siemens issued a series of patches in the wake of the discovery of the Stuxnet worm in 2010, but this failed to placate critics, including one who claimed in 2011 that many shortcomings in Siemens' SCADA systems remained unpatched.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/07/25/siemens_scada_security/

43. ***July 25, H Security*** – (International) **Wireshark updates fix DoS vulnerabilities.** The developers at the Wireshark project released versions 1.6.9 and 1.8.1 to close important security holes in their open source network protocol analyzer. The updates to the cross-platform tool address two vulnerabilities that could be exploited by remote attackers to cause a denial-of-service. They are a problem in the point-to-point protocol dissector that leads to a crash and a bug in the network file system dissector that could result in excessive consumption of CPU resources; to take advantage of the holes, an attacker must inject a malformed packet onto the wire or convince a victim to read a malformed packet trace file. Versions 1.4.0 to 1.4.13, 1.6.0 to 1.6.8, and 1.8.0 are affected; upgrading to the new 1.6.9 and 1.8.1 releases fixes the problems. According to the security advisories, version 1.4.14 should correct these issues on the 1.4.x branch of Wireshark. However, at the time of writing, Wireshark 1.4.14 is not available on the site and release notes for that version are not yet published.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Wireshark-updates-fix-DoS-vulnerabilities-1652207.html>

44. ***July 24, Threatpost*** – (International) **New OpFake Android malware entices users with Opera mini browser.** There is a new variant of the OpFake mobile malware making the rounds, and this version comes bundled with a version of the legitimate Opera Mini mobile browser. The malware targets Android phones and steals money from victims by sending SMS messages without the user's knowledge to premium-rate numbers and also collects data about the device it infects. Researchers at GFI Labs discovered the new variant of OpFake, and found that, unlike older versions of the malware that disguised itself as Opera Mini, this version downloads a copy of the mobile browser. The attackers set up a fake Opera Mini Web site that encourages users to download the browser. Clicking on the link on the site begins the installation routine for the malware, downloading a package called "opera_mini_65.apk."

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-opfake-android-malware-entices-users-opera-mini-browser-072412

45. ***July 24, ZDNet*** – (International) **Warning: Battery-saver app on Android is malware.** A new piece of malware is trying to take advantage of poor battery life on

Android smartphones. Cyber criminals created an application that is supposed to reduce battery use, but in reality steals the user's contacts data stored on the device. Symantec, which first discovered the malware, is calling this particular threat Android.Ackposts. As opposed to using third-party app stores or the official Google Play store, this app is pushed via Japanese spam email that includes a link to download and install it. Although the messages claim the app reduces battery use by half, the app does nothing to save battery power. It does, however, send the user's contacts data (name, phone number, email address, and more) to an external Web site.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/warning-battery-saver-app-on-android-is-malware-7000001483/>

46. *July 24, CNET* – (International) **Windows malware slips into Apple's iOS App**

Store. A Windows malware worm was found embedded in an application being distributed in Apple's App Store for iOS. While this malware, being Windows-based, is a threat to neither the iOS platform nor Mac OS, it may be a threat to those who manage their iTunes and App Store accounts on Windows-based machines.

Source: http://reviews.cnet.com/8301-13727_7-57478793-263/windows-malware-slips-into-apples-ios-app-store/

47. *July 24, Infosecurity* – (International) **Latest report shows India now ahead of the**

US in email spam volume. The latest “Dirty Dozen” spam-relaying countries report from Sophos shows that Asia in general, and India in particular, is now responsible for the greatest volume of the world’s spam. Heading the list for the second successive quarter is India, responsible for 11.7 percent of all spam caught by the Sophos worldwide network of spam traps. Italy comes in second with 7 percent. South Korea is third with 6.7 percent, and the United States moved from the second to fourth position at 6.2 percent. “The chief driver for Asia’s dominance in the spam charts,” explains a senior technology consultant at Sophos, “is the sheer number of compromised computers in the continent.”

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/27155/>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *July 25, KPIC 4 Roseburg* – (Oregon) **Two arrested after hashish lab explosion.** Two people injured in a July 23 explosion at the Douglas Inn in Roseburg, Oregon, were arrested by Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team (DINT) detectives on charges related to the incident, which they said was a hashish manufacturing operation gone wrong. The suspects were arrested July 24. A third person who was listed as the room's renter was cited for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. Roseburg police and fire crews were called to the inn to a report of an explosion that destroyed the room and damaged another. DINT's investigation found it was caused by a process used to extract hashish from marijuana leaves. The process caused an explosion that blew the large window and window frame out of the motel room and burned the three subjects. It also blew a hole in the ceiling of the bathroom.
Source: <http://www.kval.com/news/local/Arrests-made-in-relation-to-hotel-explosion-163624856.html>

49. *July 25, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **2 indicted by feds after blaze kills**
3. The first deaths linked to the manufacture of methamphetamine in South Carolina have resulted in federal drug charges against two Berkeley County men, a U.S. attorney announced July 24. A federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment in early July against the two suspects. The indictment was unsealed July 24 and the two appeared before a federal judge. The defendants already face State charges stemming from a May 31 fire at a Goose Creek apartment complex that killed three people and left three dozen homeless. Authorities said they found evidence of a meth lab in the complex. The defendants face federal counts of conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine, creating a substantial risk to human life while making the drug, and manufacturing the drug where children reside. If convicted, the two face a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$10 million fine.
Source: http://www.theitem.com/news/ap_state_news/article_43b45194-e872-5146-8623-adcbd7e62a07.html

50. *July 25, Associated Press* – (California) **24 arrested at police protests in Anaheim, Calif.** The mayor of Anaheim, California, said federal officials agreed to review two deadly police shootings and announced a meeting for July 27 after a fourth day of violent protests. Authorities said as many as 1,000 demonstrators surged through downtown July 24, smashing windows on 20 businesses and setting trash fires. Police and patrol cars were pelted with rocks and bottles. The clashes followed a city council meeting in which city leaders voted to ask the U.S attorney's office to investigate weekend officer-involved shootings that killed two men and prompted a \$50 million lawsuit. Protestors turned violent after they could not get into the council chambers. Some took over an intersection, and others threw rocks and vandalized cars, and threw a Molotov cocktail that damaged a police car. A gas station was shut down after reports that some protesters were seen filling canisters with gas. Police used pepper balls and beanbag rounds. Twenty adults and four minors were arrested. About five people were hurt, including a police officer, two members of the media who were struck by rocks, and some protesters who may have been injured by police or in a fight between demonstrators.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-07-25/Anaheim-police-protests/56470926/1>

51. ***July 25, Associated Press – (Ohio) Man, 73, sickened in Ohio E. coli outbreak dies.*** Health officials investigating an E. coli outbreak in southwest Ohio said a man sickened by the bacteria died, according to a July 24 statement from the Montgomery County health department. The outbreak began with people who ate at a July 3 customer appreciation picnic for a lawn care business in Germantown. At least 75 people became ill and 14 were hospitalized. A girl and a teenage boy remain in serious condition with a complication that could lead to kidney failure. Investigators are looking at food preparation, storage, and handling to help determine what caused the outbreak.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2012/07/25/man-73-sickened-in-ohio-e-coli-outbreak-dies/>
52. ***July 24, Press Association – (International) 18,000 troops for Olympic security.*** More than 18,000 troops will provide security for the Olympics in London after United Kingdom ministers felt they should “leave nothing to chance”, the Press Association reported July 24. The British culture secretary said the 1,200 servicemen and women put on 48 hours notice the week of July 16 will be deployed. With the opening ceremony set for July 27 and soccer slated to begin July 25, organizers said the move would bring in enough troops to deliver the Games “in just about any scenario”. The extra military involvement comes on top of the additional 3,500 troops drafted 2 weeks ago as the problems created by private firm G4S’s failure to supply enough guards emerged. A further contingency force of 1,000 troops was made ready to step in if there is any increase in the security threat level. Ministers took the decision at a British cabinet committee for the Olympics chaired by the British prime minister. Amid concerns over a lack of training for staff in how to use the airport-style X-ray machines and other security measures, roving teams were scheduled to be brought in to check guards’ work, organizers said. Meanwhile, the mayor of London and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner warned July 24 that a “lone wolf” attack during the Olympic Games was a distinct security concern in the wake of the recent midnight cinema massacre in Aurora, Colorado.
Source:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5gbGECbj7yMSqBoPLRFstLa6B-w?docId=N0382001343126512260A>
53. ***July 24, KPIX 5 San Francisco – (California) Mystery package tossed into San Jose theater showing ‘Dark Knight’ causes scare.*** Moviegoers at a San Jose, California screening of “Dark Knight Rises” were evacuated July 23 after someone tossed a mystery package into the aisle, a report in the San Jose Mercury News said. Witnesses told police that someone opened a door during the late-night showing at the Eastridge Mall AMC theater, yelled out an expletive, and tossed the suspicious package into the aisle. Moviegoers fled and those in other theaters in the complex, about 150 people total, were also evacuated. San Jose police dispatched its bomb squad, but the device turned out to be harmless. The incident was one of several scares nationwide at screenings of the new Batman movie in the wake of the Colorado movie theater

massacre.

Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/07/24/bomb-scare-empties-san-jose-theater-showing-dark-knight/>

54. ***July 24, WWLP 22 Springfield*** – (Massachusetts) **Ocean State Job Lot closed after Freon leak.** Ocean State Job Lot in Chicopee, Massachusetts, was evacuated July 24 after an air conditioning unit began leaking Freon, which created a large cloud that began filling up the store. The cloud went unnoticed until later in the evening. The store was evacuated and the fire department was called. The deputy fire chief said the 75 ton R42 unit leaked almost all of its Freon into the store. While the gas itself is not toxic to humans, it displaces the oxygen in the air and could lead to suffocation in an enclosed area. One store employee was taken to the hospital for precautionary measures. They expect to reopen July 25.

Source: <http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/ocean-state-job-lot-closed-after-freon-leak>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

55. ***July 25, Associated Press*** – (Nebraska) **Wildfire in north-central Nebraska threatens town.** Wildfires burning in north-central Nebraska threatened to force the evacuation of a second small town July 24, and continued to interfere with boating along the scenic Niobrara River. Windy, hot weather helped the main Fairfield Creek fire expand to nearly 92 square miles. Two other smaller fires about 20 miles east of the main fire had burned more than 6 square miles. Officials estimated the fires, which have already destroyed at least 10 homes, are about 15 percent contained. More than 200 firefighters and 4 helicopters were fighting the fires, and 3 firefighters have been injured. A 14-mile stretch of the river valley was evacuated between Norden and Highway 183. A section of Highway 12 between Springview and Norden was closed. About 150 miles west of the Niobrara River fires, another wildfire burned less than 1 square mile, or about 300 acres, of grassland and trees in the northwest corner of the State. That fire, known as the East Ash Creek fire, was on federal recreation area land south of U.S. Highway 20 between Chadron and Crawford. A deputy forest supervisor for the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands said that fire was about 25 percent contained.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245_162-57479511/wildfire-in-north-central-nebraska-threatens-town/

56. ***July 24, KIVI 6 Nampa*** – (Idaho) **Crews fight grass fire near Micron campus.** About a dozen fire crews from the Bureau of Land Management, Boise Fire Department, and the U.S. Forest Service attacked the front lines of a fast-moving, 1,500-acre wildfire that broke out just east of Micron's Boise, Idaho campus July 24. No homes or structures were threatened.

Source: <http://www.kivitv.com/news/local/163655606.html>

57. *July 23, Carlsbad Current-Argus* – (New Mexico) **Paint fumes shut down**

caverns. Heavy fumes from a paint coating on newly installed rails in the elevator shaft at New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns National Park caused several employees to become ill and resulted in the park's closure July 23. A park superintendent said the contractor working on renovation of the elevators that take visitors 750 feet below ground to view the cave formations apparently used some type of solvent to clean the rails that gave off heavy fumes. Park officials were unsure of how long the closure would last.

Source: http://www.currentargus.com/ci_21141481/paint-fumes-shut-down-cavernshttp:/bit.ly/SRWoeX

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Dams Sector

58. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Dam being torn down on river south of**

Nashville. Demolition began July 25 on the Lowhead Dam on the Harpeth River in Franklin, Tennessee, removing the only barrier on the waterway. The demolition, by the city and the State Department of Environment and Conservation, was designed to improve fish habitat and water quality. The \$870,000 cost was partially offset by \$350,000 in federal grants to the Harpeth River Watershed Association. The Department of the Interior named the project as a model of America's Great Outdoors River Initiative to conserve.

Source: http://www.wdef.com/news/state/story/Dam-being-torn-down-on-river-south-of-Nashville/_t51Q-U5UUeXLqy0W0I7MA.cspx

59. *July 24, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Corps confident levee fixed by end of**

year. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers believed the Birds Point levee in southeast Missouri will be fully restored by the end of 2012, the Associated Press reported July 24. The Corps announced in May that it had awarded \$20 million in contracts to repair the levee that was intentionally breached at the height of spring flooding in 2011, in part to help save the flood wall protecting nearby Cairo, Illinois. The breach allowed 130,000 acres of Missouri farmland to flood. Several dozen homes were also damaged. Corps officials said the work was able to proceed more quickly because the weather has been favorable, the Mississippi River is at a low level, and protests to the bid awards have been cleared.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/07/24/4655979/corps-confident-levee-fixed-by.html>

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